

HOUSE BILL 1494
By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-402; Title 63, Chapter 10; Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2; Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 7, relative to authorizing psychologists to prescribe and administer psychotropic drugs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-203(a), is amended by inserting the following language after the second sentence:

Practice of psychologist also includes the prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs within the recognized scope of practice of the profession. Such a prescribing psychologist shall (i) meet the profession's established standards of training according to the board's professional guidelines or (ii) be a nationally recognized listed Fellow of the Prescribing Psychologists' Register. The board shall include training in, but not be limited to, the following professional didactic subject areas and preceptorship-supervision requirements:

(1) Pharmacology/psychopharmacology, clinical: child, adult and geriatric

(A) Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, drug interactions, side effects and substance abuse;

(B) Serology, laboratory and maintenance of therapeutic drug levels.

(2) Related sciences

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- (A) Neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neurochemistry;
- (B) Pathophysiology, organ and anatomy systems of functioning and non-functioning and metabolism/biotransformation.

(3) Treatment applications

- (A) Consultation with other professionals;
- (B) Ethics and professional issues;
- (C) Computer-enhanced record and history accountability.

- (4) Preceptorship-supervision of one (1) year minimum with one hundred (100) patients.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-203, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c)

- (c) Testing laboratories licensed by the state shall provide test results as requested by prescribing psychologists for patients receiving psychotropic drugs.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-204(a), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subsection and by adding the following language:

with the exception of treatment rendered by a prescribing psychologist in accordance with §63-11-203.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-101(e)(7), is amended by inserting the language “or prescribing psychologist” between the words “licensed physician” and the language “, and who meets”, and by inserting the language “prescribing psychologist authorized pursuant to §63-11-203,” between the language “§63-8-102(12),” and the words “or other allied”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-404(34), is amended by inserting the language “prescribing psychologist authorized pursuant to §63-11-203,” between the language “63-8-102(12),” and the words “or other allied medical practitioner”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(a)(2)(D), is amended by inserting the language “, prescribing psychologist authorized pursuant to §63-11-203,” between the language “podiatrist” and the words “or nurse”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(b), is amended by inserting the language “, 63-11-203,” between the language “63-7-123” and the word “and”.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(a), is amended by inserting the language “and 63-11-203” at the end of the subsection between the language “63-1-132” and the period.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-207(14), is amended by inserting the language “and 63-11-203” at the end of the subsection between the language “63-1-132” and the period.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-204(b), is amended by inserting the language “or prescribing psychologist” at the end of the subsection between the words “licensed physician” and the period.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-402(22)(A), is amended by inserting the language “prescribing psychologist,” between the language “optometrist,” and the word “veterinarian”.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.